



# CIS eNewsletter

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## Message from Karen Garbarino, the CIS State Director:

**“Change is inevitable; growth is optional.”**

I have just completed my fourth month as the CIS Director, and I remain awed and inspired by the level of commitment, passion, and professionalism I see around me – here within the Child Development Division and throughout the state as I visit the local CIS teams. Thank you for the amazing work you do.

The upcoming changes, in the way CIS services will be funded and administered, has created both anxiety and optimism. Our community partners are justifiably concerned about the impact these changes might have on their organizations and the families they serve. Many also recognize the opportunity this system change presents to provide even better service. Change is always stressful, and the state CIS team is working hard to ensure that this significant change results in improved outcomes, increased efficiency, and continued provision of quality services to our children and their families.

Input from you and other partners is crucial as we develop the CIS Request for Proposals (RFP). Please visit the CIS website (**<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd>**) often for updated information and send your thoughts, suggestions and comments to me (**[karen.garbarino@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:karen.garbarino@ahs.state.vt.us)**) for discussion with the CIS team. Together, we can take Vermont's existing excellent early childhood services system to an even higher level.

Karen

**Be sure to visit our web site  
for more resources**

**Child Development Division:**

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd>

**Children's Integrated Services:**

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis>

List of CIS Technical Assistance staff and  
CIS Intake Coordinators:

[http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/cdd/cis/ntake\\_Coordinators\\_and\\_State\\_CIS\\_TA\\_Liaisons.pdf](http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/cdd/cis/ntake_Coordinators_and_State_CIS_TA_Liaisons.pdf)

## Family Stories

We are looking for stories from families involved with CIS. We would like to share them in future newsletters. They can be written, recorded, or videotaped. For more information or a request for videotaping contact Lianne Petrocelli.

Please send them to:  
Child Development Division  
c/o Lianne Petrocelli  
103 South Main Street  
Waterbury, VT 05671  
<mailto:lianne.petrocelli@vtn.org>

## Reflections Reflections

Check out this video of a mom reflecting on her experiences with home visiting.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/media/resultsmatter/RMSeries/FinalVisit.asp>

## Digital Video Clips for Early Education

Download or stream video files and videatives (text with embedded video) to increase your understanding of children's thinking & learning. Check out the sample of the videatives in the link below. Videos range in ages 0-6. This is a great child development training tool!!!

You can subscribe for free!

[http://www.videatives.com/dynamic/vv\\_blog/?m=201003](http://www.videatives.com/dynamic/vv_blog/?m=201003)

## CIS Request for Proposals

FAQ: RFP, data & financing Questions & Answers:  
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/providers>

FAQ: Minutes from CIS conference call 3/17  
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/providers/meetings>

## Practice Guidance

'Referral Guidance' about CIS Referrals from DCF Family Services Division:  
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/providers/tools>

Directory of Preferred Substance Abuse Treatment Providers by Region:  
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/providers>

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS OFFERS SOUND ADVICE ON AUTISM. Audio interviews with developmental pediatricians, autism researchers and other advocates answer common questions about autism spectrum disorders: Listen to *Sound Advice on Autism* at <http://www.aap.org/audio/autism/>

## Professional Development

### CIS Community of Practice Conference Calls

First Wednesday of each month 1-2 p.m. Goal: to share information about professional development, learn from each other, and build a statewide CIS community of practice  
Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665 Participant PIN: 471230

### Hunger and Malnutrition in Young Children

**May 4, 2010** from 10am - 2pm

Vermont Department of Health - Burlington, VT 108 Cherry Street, Classroom 2B

*Registration Deadline April 23, 2010* \$10 Registration fee

Lunch included. Mail form and fee to: Vermont Family

Network, Attention: Peg Manrique

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240, Williston, VT 05495

Registration questions? Contact Peg Manrique at

[peg.manrique@vtn.org](mailto:peg.manrique@vtn.org)



## Recent teleconference calls and trainings

### CIS Community of Practice Call

Wednesday, April 7th, 2010

Replay Dial-In Numbers and Pass code

North America Toll Free:

1 888 203-1112

Replay Pass code: 64642048

### CIS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Wednesday April 8th, 2010

Replay Dial-In Numbers and Pass code

North America Toll Free:

1 888 203-1112

Replay Pass code: 63472089

(ppt mailed out on list serve)

### Substance Use 101 & Addiction

February 10th, 2010

Presenters: Jackie Corbally Women's Services Coordinator ADAP

Todd W. Mandell, MD Medical Director ADAP

(ppt mailed out on list serve)

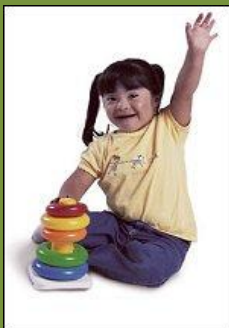
Please contact:

[susan.shepard@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:susan.shepard@ahs.state.vt.us) for more information

## Teleconference Call-in Information:

Call 1-866-642-1665

Participant PIN#: 471230



## Toilet Learning for Children with Special Needs

Thursday, May 6, 2010 2:30 - 5:00 pm; CDCI Continence Webinar on ilinc

The webinar is tuition FREE but each individual must register, even if viewing at a group site. To register go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DBBKY66> (You will receive email confirmation)

## Foundations for Early Learning (FEL)

Save the date: July 20th-23rd; October 18th-21st

Vermont FEL is a new professional development opportunity born out of a partnership with two nationally renowned technical assistance centers: the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) and the Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL). The purpose of this new integrated training is to build statewide capacity for promoting social, emotional, and early language and literacy competence, and preventing challenging behaviors in all young children, birth to five.

## Teleconference on FEL and the Role of Early Childhood and Family Mental Health with Neal Horen, Ph.D. on Thursday, 4/15/10 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. (call in details available soon)

Neal Horen, Ph.D. is *Senior Policy Associate with the National TA Center for Children's Mental Health and Director of H.O.Y.A. (Helping Our Youth Achieve) Clinic*, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development.

Read this article before the call:

[http://challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/brief\\_integrating.pdf](http://challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/brief_integrating.pdf)

## For more information please contact Maureen Sullivan at

[Maureen.Sullivan@uvm.edu](mailto:Maureen.Sullivan@uvm.edu)

CSEFEL Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/>

CELL Website: <http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/>

## CIS Calendar

| May                                   | June   | July                                   | August                                   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| May 5, community of practice call 1-2 | June 2, Community of Practice call 1-2   | July 7, Community of Practice call 1-2 | August 4, community of practice call 1-2 |
| May 19, CIS open Agenda call 1-2      | June 10, 8:30-9:30 am Training Call: <i>Health Outcomes of infants exposed to opiates in utero</i> | July 21, CIS open agenda call 1-2      | August 18, CIS open agenda call1-2       |
|                                       | June 16, CIS open agenda call 1-2  |  |  |
|                                       | June 17, ICC Quarterly Meeting   |  |  |

Send us your feedback! Does this form of communication help you in your work? What else do you need to know about? Send comments to:

<mailto:lianne.petrocelli@vtfn.org>